

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-7, 9, and 18-41. Claims 8 and 10-17 were previously cancelled, and claim 29 is amended. Claims 1-7, 9, and 18-28 and 31-41 were allowed as per the Office Action dated July 15, 2003.

Claim 29 stands rejected as anticipated by Kawano, U.S. Patent No. 3,028,949. Kawano shows an electronic flash unit 22 and ranging unit comprised of elements 23 and 24 mounted on a "light flashing block 20". Col. 3, line 10. This block is "rotated about shaft 21 so that the position thereof is changed between an operating position in which the surface of the light flashing block is opposed to the object and a non-operating position in which the light flashing block 20 covers the flat surface portion of the barrel of the taking lens 12, as illustrated in Figure 2". This significantly differs from what is now claimed.

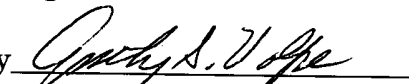
The difference is that claim 29 now claims "the projecting portion is fixed on the camera" so as to "enable both the ranging unit and flash unit to be constantly exposed on an exterior of the camera". So, unlike the rotating block of Kawano, the claimed "projected portion" is fixed, and is thus neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, Kawano.

Following entry of this amendment, all of the pending claims are now deemed allowable as written. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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